

His Light



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**Love In the Name of Christ
of Southern
Chautauqua County**

Our Mission

To mobilize the local churches
to transform lives and
communities in the
Name of Christ

Our Vision

To see Christian Churches
united in purpose and fully
engaged in actively living out
their faith by lovingly serving
people in need

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Operations Continue as the Need Continues in the Face of a Pandemic

By Will Mosier-Peterson, Board Treasurer

We all know the story of the Good Samaritan from the gospel of Luke, chapter 10. "On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" "What is written in the Law?" he replied. "How do you read it?" He answered, "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind"; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' "You have answered correctly," Jesus replied. "Do this and you will live" But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

In response, today's story would read, "A young couple was trying to get back on their feet and called a local church. The local church of modest resources requested the young couple reach out to Love INC; who spoke with the couple asked about their need, gathered the necessary information, and prayed with them. A Love INC volunteer reached out to the couple's references and determined that there was a genuine need. A staff member then called the couple with the news that help was on the way."

The story could have stopped there but the volunteers who served this couple by delivering furniture and other necessities have kept up with the family who is now attending church regularly, recovering from addictions, enrolled in education programs to better their future, and are learning how to be better parents.

Our neighbors in need are cared for by your support. On a daily basis, our call center receives questions about beds and other furniture, appliances, toiletries, cleaning products, and the list goes on. It is only through your support that these needs, as well as deeper needs, are being met.

Today we are asking for help to fill some major gaps in our funding for the year. Love INC operates on a very modest budget of \$70,550.00 a year and receives no federal or local government support. Each year we rely on the members of our Kingdom Club (monthly supporters), business/corporate, church and other public donations as well as two major fundraisers. Due to the recent pandemic, one of our two major fundraisers was cancelled and the second is still pending to be determined by the length of the current ban on public gatherings.

Today we are asking you to consider helping Love INC offset an immediate need to cover the \$6,500.00 loss of revenue due the cancelling of our annual Ministers March Mania basketball fundraiser. A local church was able to give \$2,000 toward this need so an additional \$4,500.00 is still needed.

The need is larger than ever with the recent pandemic, the potential loss of jobs, and the uncertain future of our economy. Would you consider becoming a Kingdom Club member, or making a one-time gift to help Love INC. be ready to serve our neighbors in need for the year to come?

Pandemic Support– We are collecting toiletries, cleaning & disinfecting products, paper towels, diapers, wipes and gloves to support agencies, individuals & families in our community. Call 338-9705 or email susan.loveinc@gmail.com to set an appointment to drop off the requested supplies at the Love INC office at 553 West 3rd Street Jamestown

What is God doing through Love INC?

A Need Already Fulfilled

A neighbor in need called requesting a new bed. It was discovered upon arrival that their bed was in good shape but the need concerned wanting a larger bed because of an accidental fall out of bed. The neighbor had already been seriously injured with the first fall. When the need clarification call came into the call center a volunteer in training said "I think I have a bed rail." Before the volunteer could donate the needed bed rail, our Furniture Ministry Coordinator located one that had previously been donated in storage keeping the neighbor in need safe from future falls.

More Prayer Warriors

Shortly after Love INC started the Prayer Newsletter, a thank you letter was sent out to donors regarding the overwhelming response that had been occurring since the Prayer Newsletters inception. A donor who received the thank you letter reached out asking to be put on the Prayer Newsletter email list. They then began copying it for their staff and placing a copy at the front desk for business clients to read as well.

What you really Need!

A neighbor in need called seeking financial assistance that Love INC does not provide. The volunteer continued to listen and share with the neighbor in need leading them to salvation in Christ.

A Special Need Requires Special Help

A lift chair was donated needing a replaced bolt and a transformer. The cost of the replacement transformer was more than we were willing to invest. A volunteer formerly worked on lift chairs, assisted the Furniture Ministry Coordinator with instructions for finding the proper bolt replacement and they were able to locate a replacement transformer, restoring the lift chair to full function at the cost of a bolt and time. Its new owner needing the recliner for medical reasons was thrilled!

Ask, and it will be given to you: seek, and you will find: knock and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the who seeks finds, and the one who knocks it will be opened.

Matthew 7:7-8



From the Neighbors We Serve:

"Thank you for putting my name in for the Thanksgiving Turkey and side dishes. Your kindness is much appreciated." from neighbor in need who received the extra turkey and fixings from a church with plenty.

"Thank you for the help!" -from a neighbor in need receiving rides to doctor's appointments. He also made a financial donation to the ministry in appreciation.

"I could write an article for the newspaper telling how wonderful Love INC has been to me." -from a neighbor in need who had received some additional items. She also invited the volunteers to her church.

"I just wanted to call and thank you for the dryer. What a difference a dryer makes. He came and installed and it was up and running in no time at all. It is just wonderful! Your guys are great!" -from a neighbor in need who received a dryer.

"Sorry, it couldn't be more- you folks have been kind to me, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. God Bless- from a neighbor in need who received assistance with a hot water tank, who made a donation to the ministry.

An Impact Celebration 2019 -On February 25th, Love INC hosted a breakfast with pastors, mission team leaders and ministry coordinators at New Hope Community Church. During the breakfast meeting Love INC shared stories of impacted lives. Stories of why board members became involved and how volunteers chose to serve through Love INC. Stories of lives impacted with transformative change because of ongoing contact with many Love INC volunteers from several churches over several years of need.

Love INC also shared the financial aspects. The needed support from the churches, individuals and businesses to fund a budget of \$69,900. with a shortfall of \$6,268.33. Love INC staff members work for the Church to assist in meeting the needs of our neighbors. **Ninety-two percent of the budget is for helping the church help those in need.** Assistance cannot be provided without the volunteer support, resource support and ministry investors. Over the years 55 different churches have been involved with Love INC. In 2019, 32 churches were mobilized with 28 providing some form of financial support; up from previous years.

Our budget for 2020 is \$70,550. We are **seeking Kingdom Club members** to help make the difference. A Kingdom Club member is a regular supporter of the ministry at any financial amount. The donor can give \$10 a month or any amount they choose for 12 months. This helps Love INC to maintain level financial support for those regular needs such as rent and utilities; providing for the Clearinghouse Call Center and **a place for Neighbors in Need to reach out for assistance.**

Please consider how you can make a difference in the lives of neighbors in need and invest in the ministry of Love In the Name of Christ

Give Electronically!

Go to our **Facebook** page **Love INC of Southern Chautauqua County** or **website** LoveINCSCC.org and **Click** on the **Donate link**



Join the Monthly Kingdom Club

Become a monthly supporter of Love INC with a gift of *any* amount and help the Kingdom of God grow as the love of God is shared with those in need

By giving on a monthly basis you will receive :

- ◇ A monthly thank you letter which includes an update on the kingdom work and a love story regarding how we are seeing God at work through the volunteers from area churches at Love INC
- ◇ A quarterly Newsletter with acknowledgment as a Kingdom Club member
- ◇ A reminder call or email regarding your monthly gift
- ◇ And knowing you are making a difference in the lives touched by Love INC

How do I become a Kingdom Club Member ? Write *"Kingdom Club"* on the General Fund other line on the enclosed envelope and enclose your first months support.

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Do you have a passion for those in need?

Do you have gifts and talents in administration?

Do you enjoy living out your faith in God?

Board Members needed. Meetings are held the second Thursday of the month at 7pm. Please contact Lory Hatfield by email –

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Client Needs:

Toiletries

Soap

Toothpaste

Toothbrushes

Body wash

Shaving cream

Razors

Feminine products

Shampoo

Cleaning Products

All purpose cleaner

Disinfectant wipes

Toilet cleaner

Toilet brush

Buckets

Glass Cleaner

Dish Soap

Sponges

Paper towels

Garbage bags

Office Needs:

Volunteer Bookkeeper/Accountant

Board Member with Skills in Social Media

Postage stamps

Copy paper

Love INC's Covid-19 Response

Love INC has made some changes in response to the pandemic. With the non-essential workers requirement we have shut-down many of our services like rides, furniture and housewares ministries, moving ministry and ramp building. We are continuing to complete client files in those areas of need so that when the non-essential worker restriction is lifted we are ready to continue to assist in the usual manner.

We are continuing to assist those in need with essentials. We are **assisting with toiletries, cleaning products, diapers and wipes** as needed. In order to continue to be able to provide these necessities your help is needed.

Please donate the client needed items listed in the box

Call 338-9705 or email susan.loveinc@gmail.com to arrange an appointment time to drop off the items.

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